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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 14, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 6 and 12 as follows:

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1. (Three Times Amended) A biochemical analyzer for automatically analyzing a specimen, comprising a specimen introducing part for introducing a specimen rack, a specimen rack conveying part for reciprocally conveying said specimen rack received from the specimen introducing part to at least two analyzing parts pipetting specimens on the specimen rack and allowing the specimens to react with reagents so as to analyze the specimens, a reexamining buffer for temporarily storing the specimen rack for reanalysis, and a specimen storage part for storing the specimen rack for which the pipetting is completed, the analyzing parts and the reexamining buffer being located between the specimen introducing part and the